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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hidenori ITO, et al.

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FOR: SOUND GENERATION METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM, STAND-ALONE TYPE  
SOUND GENERATION/REPRODUCTION DEVICE, AND NETWORK DISTRIBUTION TYPE SOUND  
GENERATION/REPRODUCTION SYSTEM

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- 1) References AA, AB & AO-AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.
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